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- 1. BILATERAL. PRAVDA REPORTS A REGULAR SALT TWO SESSION IN GENEVA MARCH 12. IZVESTIYA PUBLISHES LENGTHY SIGNED REPORT FROM WARSAW ON EXPERIENCES OF A. SMOLINSKI, A FORMER ANALYST FOR RADIO FREE EUROPE WHO RETURNED TO POLAND. ARTICLE IMPLIES U.S. FUNDING FOR THE RADIO AND NOTES THAT RADIO EMPLOYEES "FAITHFULLY SERVE THE INTERESTES OF IMPERIALISTIC CIRCLES OF THE U.S.A."
- 2. U.S. DOMESTIC. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS U.S. BUDGET DEFICIT WILL BE LARGER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$4 BILLION. IZVESTIYA REPORT ON U.S. UNEMPLOY-MENT QUESTIONS HOW "WHITE HOUSE" CAN SAY THAT ALTHOUG JOB OPENINGS HAVE DROPPED BY 500,000 IN LAST MONTH, UNEMPLOYEMENT FIGURES REMAIN THE SAME. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT WHITE HOUSE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE THE MIGRANT UNEMPLOYED -- "THE OAKIES." PRAVDA CARRIES CARTOON SHOWING U.S. GUN MANUFACTURERS MAKING MILLIONS SELLING GUNS TO CRIMINALS.
- 3. EUROPE. CENTRAL PRESS FRONT PAGES ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW MARCH 12 OF FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN. PRESS FURTHER REPORTS THAT KEKKONON WAS RECEIVED ON MARCH 12 BY BREZHNEV, PODGORNY, AD KOSYGIN. ACCORDING TO REPORT, BOTH BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED.
- 4. LATIN AMERICA. PRAVDA SIGNED COMMENTARY CONTENDS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA BY COLUMBIA FURTHER INDICATES THAT COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICAN NO LONGER FOLLOW ANY "DIKTAT NO MATTER WHERE IT COMES FROM."
- 5. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA COVERAGE OF PORTUGUESE COUP WELCOMES THE GOVERNMENT VICTORY AND TAKES POSITIVE LINE ON INSTITUTIONALIZATION F THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY STATEMENT IS ALSO PUBLISHED (DETAILS SEPTEL).
- 6. CYPRUS. PRAVDA HAS TWO TASS STORIES ON THE SECRETARY'S TALKS IN ANKARA. ANKARA-DATELINED ARTICLE REPORTS THAT ESENBEL "CATEGORICALLY" OPPOSED ANY PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BY UNSC OR NEUTRAL UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTATIVES. ESENBEL ALSO QUOTED THAT SECRETARY AND TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHARE "INDETICAL" VIEWS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT. NICOSIA-DATELINED REPORT REPLAYS GREEK PRESS CRITICISM OF THE SECRETARY'S ANKARA TALKS. ACCORDING TO TASS, CRITICS CHARGED THAT SECRETARY'S TRIP "AIMED AT UNDERMINING UN EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE CRISIS" IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS WITHIN THE NARROW FRAMWORK OF NATO.

CYPRIOT PAPER IS ALSO CITED AS SAYING PEOPLE OF CYPRUS "HAVE NO FAITH IN THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES AND SEE DANGER AND TRAPS IN HIS POLICY."

7. MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARY'S TALKS IN JERUSALEM AND ASWAN ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THURSDAY PRESS.

8. INDOCHINA. MEDIA TREATMENT OF CAMBODIA REMAINS LOW-KEY. PRAVDA CARRIES A SHORT BATTLEFIELD REPORT FROM TASS IN BANGKOK AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S CALL TO CONGRESS TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTARY AID. RED STAR REPORTS THE DEMOCRATIC CAUSUS' VOTE AGAINST ADDITIONAL AID TO CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM. PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT THE PRG/SVN FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF MARCH 12 CHARGING THE THIEU REGIME WITH VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY SEEKING TO EXPAND ITS AREAS OF CONTROL. IZVESTIYA'S HANOI COORESPONDENT ALSO DENOUNCES THE THIEU REGIME FOR ALLEGED REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE SVN POPULATION.

9. INDIAN OCEAN. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY A TASS ITEM FROM DELHI REPORTING SRI LANKA PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S OPPOSITION TO THE DIEGO GARCIA BASE AND HER COMMENT THT THE COLOMBO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN 1976 SHOULD COSIDER THE QUESTION OF "IMPERALIST" BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. STOESSEL

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